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Operational
UTILITY Visit to Bonn

1. I was informed on 1 June by Calhoun Ancrum, NICO employee of the Foreign Relations Division, Office of Political Affairs, Bonn, that UTILITY, accompanied by Johnny Herwarth von Bittenfeld, chief of the Protocol Office of the German Chancellery, had visited him at his home in Bad Godesberg about six weeks ago. Although Ancrum could not recall the exact date, he remembered that it was about a week after UTILITY's name was first mentioned in the Intelligence Committee, NICO, for chief of the Verfassungsschutz.

2. Ancrum, who, as you know, I knew UTILITY some years ago, and Ancrum also knows Herwarth von Bittenfeld, who did not say much during the UTILITY visit. UTILITY appeared under a pseudonym which Ancrum did not recall, and the purpose of his visit was to make clear to some NICO official his position vis-a-vis the Verfassungsschutz post. He told Ancrum that he did not covet the post, but would accept it if he were offered it, realizing that it was his duty to serve if called.

3. On the basis of UTILITY's statements and at his request, Ancrum wrote an EYES ONLY memo to General Hays on the subject a few days later and delivered it in person. Ancrum's offices adjoin Hays' suite.

4. Ancrum is evidently under the impression that the Army still runs UTILITY and is also aware that I am reporting this minor incident. He will let me know if he sees UTILITY in Bonn again.

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